FISCAL NOTE

HB 2904 - SB 2951

February 18, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends the Drycleaner's Environmental Response Act of 1995, TCA 68-217-101, as follows:

- Updates the definition of drycleaning solvent or solvent and adds the definitions of dense non-aqueous solvent or product and light non-aqueous solvent or product to more accurately reflect the types of solvent being used today.
- Requires the drycleaner environmental response board to establish a schedule of amounts of annual registration fees to be paid by drycleaning facilities that is based on the amount of drycleaning solvent purchased..
- Establishes what types of solvents have to pay which level of solvent surcharge fee.
- Authorizes the Drycleaner Environmental Response Board to establish appropriate categories of facilities to pay certain deductible amounts based on the amount of solvent used.
- Prohibits an owner or operator of a drycleaning facility from receiving a certificate of registration until any required fees, surcharges, and penalties are paid in full.
- State or local permits would not be required for cleanup activities conducted under the supervision of this program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact:

Increase Expenditures - Not Significant/Drycleaner Environmental ResponseFund Increase Revenues - Not Significant/Drycleaner Environmental Response Fund

Estimate assumes:

- a not significant increase to the Department of Environment and Conservation for enforcement and administration.
- a not significant increase in revenues from facilities paying fees based on solvent usage.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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